

## **The Spread of *Setaria italica* (Foxtail Millet) Into Southeast Asia: An Examination of the Archaeobotanical Record**

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The importance and influence of small millets in prehistory is increasingly evident. *Setaria italica* (foxtail millet), is one such millet that first appeared in east Asia and then spread throughout Eurasia. As it moved across the landscape it often dramatically influenced people, cultures, and ways of life. It spread from region to region, sometimes with migrating people, other times through trade. At times it seems to have traveled with other crops or domesticated animals, while other times it may have spread into regions independently of other foods. In less than 5000 years foxtail millet reached mainland Southeast Asia. This paper explores the movement of this crop across the landscape in prehistory.